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Letter dated 23 March 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the English and French versions of a communiqué on the situation in Afghanistan, issued on 17 March 1994 on behalf of the European Union by its Presidency.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 52, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Communiqué on the situation in Afghanistan, issued on 17 March 1994 on behalf of the European Union by its Presidency

The European Union welcomes the arrival at Kabul of the first convoy of six United Nations trucks and the distribution of food supplies among the suffering population in all areas of the capital. These food supplies represent only a limited part of the assistance needed to alleviate the plight of several hundred thousand citizens exposed to starvation. The European Union expects that such deliveries will continue unhindered to all sections of the population in the future. In this connection, the European Union values all efforts by neighbouring countries as essential in order to facilitate the purchase of goods and the transport of humanitarian assistance to Kabul and to other provinces of the country.

The European Union expresses its full support for the efforts of the United Nations and other humanitarian agencies to relieve suffering in Afghanistan and urges all Afghan parties to take immediate unconditional steps for lifting the blockade of kabul and to ensure free access of relief as well as rehabilitation supplies to the city of Kabul and to other parts of the country.

Recalling its statement of 7 February 1994, the European Union renews its appeal for an immediate cessation of hostilities in Afghanistan and for the beginning of peaceful negotiations.